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Former Sheriff's Deputy Douglas Linn, an undercover narcotics deputy with the department, has been convicted on federal drug trafficking charges.

A U.S. District Court jury deliberated two days before returning guilty verdicts Tuesday on all 15 counts, including distribution and conspiracy to distribute cocaine, civil rights violations, interstate travel for unlawful activity and witness intimidation.

"I feel it's an appropriate verdict," said prosecutor Richard Marmaro.

Linn faces up to 169 years in prison and \$500,000 in fines when he appears for sentencing Aug. 25.

Linn was accused of posing as a CIA agent to convince an informer that the agency was engaged in a covert narcotics action. Linn, the government said, convinced the informer to sell drugs for him as part of the CIA anti-drug squad.

Linn claimed he never sold or gave away real cocaine, saying that in his role as an undercover drug agent he distributed a facsimile of the drug.